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In re application of:

Norio KOMA

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: Hwa S. Lee

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Norio KOMA, of 1-6 Takayajori, Kitagata-cho, Motosu-gun, Gifu, Japan, declare that:

1. I am the named inventor of the above-captioned U.S. patent application.
2. I am informed that U.S. Patent No. 5,880,797 of Yamada et al. having a U.S. filing date of December 24, 1996, was cited in an Office Action in the above-captioned U.S. application, and was combined with U.S. patents of Lien et al and Yamada et al. in rejecting the claims.
3. The invention claimed in the above-captioned U.S. application was partly described in my Japanese patent application No. Hei 8-43675, filed in Japan on February 29, 1996, a verified English translation of which is attached hereto. In particular, the subject matter shown in Figs. 1-14 and described in pages 12-28 (up to "Embodiment 3") of the Description of Preferred Embodiment in the above-captioned U.S. application (referred to as the "identified subject matter" in this Declaration), was described in the above Japanese application. As such, the invention of the "identified subject matter" was complete at least by the date of

February 29, 1996, which is a date earlier than the filing date of the Yamada et al. reference.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: Dec. 17, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

By: Norio Koma
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